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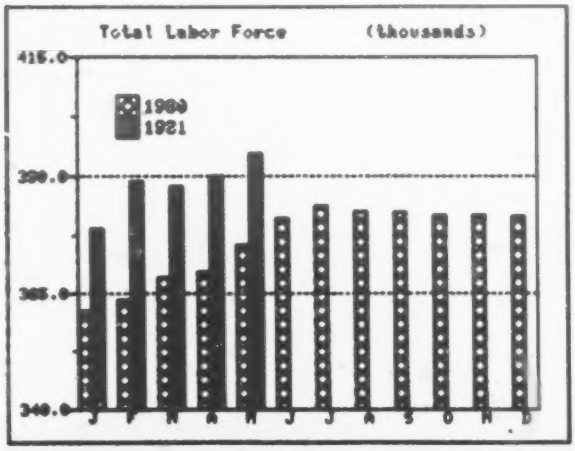
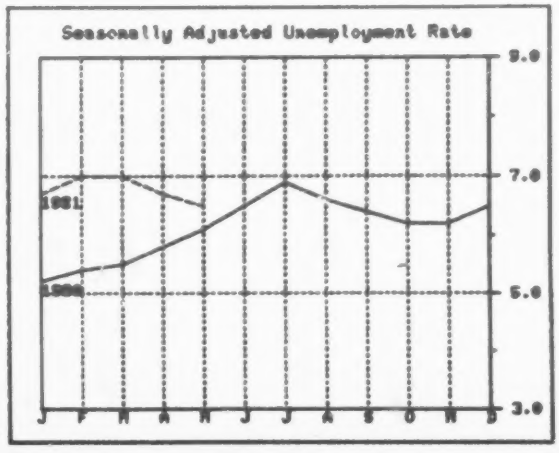
Nevada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 1981 declined by two-tenths of one percentage point from 6.7 percent to 6.5 percent. The Balance of State area and Las Vegas SMSA both experienced declines in their unemployment rates while the Reno area rate increased slightly. The jobless rate for the Las Vegas SMSA stood at 7.4 percent, four-tenths of one percentage point drop from the month earlier. In the Balance of State area, the rate dropped from 6.1 percent in April to the current estimate of 5.8 percent. Meanwhile, the rate of unemployment for the Reno SMSA increased slightly from 4.9 to 5.1 percent of the labor force. The United State's unemployment rate also increased as its rate rose three-tenths of one percentage point to 7.6 percent.

During the month of May, the establishment-based industrial employment level stood at 415,000. This amounted to an over-the-month gain of 5,600 jobs with two-thirds of this increase due to employment increases in the service industry. Job gains in the hotel/gaming/recreation sector was more than expected for this time of the year, due principally to the reopening of Harvey's Resort Hotel at South Lake Tahoe. The job increases reported for the trade and construction industries were less than anticipated. The remaining industrial employment sectors were at expected levels for the month.

Employers in the State added 15,700 jobs to the economy during the past year, approximately one-half of which occurred in the Balance of State area. The growth due to the increased employment of 3.9 percent was slightly less than for the same month one year ago. All major industrial groups shared in the job increases. Trade led all industries with the addition of new jobs while the service and mining industries also indicated sizable growth. Major mining projects being built throughout the Balance of State area have also greatly aided the state's job picture. The employment level of jobs in the hotel/gaming/recreation sector continued to increase in spite of the sagging national economy and the job losses attributed to several casino disasters.

The job outlook for the State is expected to continue improving throughout the summer months. New hires in the retail trade and hotel/gaming/recreation sectors of the economy should fuel the employment expansion. The reopening and expansions of the MGM Grand Hotels in both Las Vegas and Reno will provide a large portion of the expected gains.





NEVADA LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
(estimates in thousands)

INDICATOR	MAY 81	MAY 80	Change	% Change	APR 81
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	394.5	375.3	19.2	5.1%	389.7
Unemployment	24.5	22.0	2.5	11.4%	25.2
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	5.9%	---	---	6.5%
Unemp. Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)	6.5%	6.1%	---	---	6.7%
Total Employment 1/	369.9	353.1	16.8	4.8%	364.4
Nonagricultural Employment	364.6	347.8	16.8	4.8%	359.4
Agricultural Employment	5.3	5.3	0	0.0%	5.0
Persons Involved in Work Stoppages	.1	.2	---	---	.1

1/ Adjusted by census relationships to reflect number of persons by place of residence.

ESTABLISHMENT BASED INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT 2/
(ESTIMATES IN THOUSANDS)

	MAY 81	MAY 80	CHANGE	% CHANGE	APR 81
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	415.0	399.3	15.7	3.9	409.4
MINING	8.1	5.8	2.3	39.7	8.0
METAL MINING	5.0	3.3	1.7	51.5	4.9
CONSTRUCTION	25.8	25.4	0.4	1.6	25.3
MANUFACTURING	20.1	19.3	0.8	4.1	20.0
DURABLE GOODS	13.2	12.7	0.5	3.9	13.1
STONE, CLAY & GLASS PRODUCTS	2.0	1.9	0.1	5.3	2.0
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	1.8	1.7	0.1	5.9	1.8
NON-DURABLE GOODS	6.9	6.6	0.3	4.5	6.9
FOOD PRODUCTS	1.7	1.5	0.2	13.3	1.6
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	3.1	3.0	0.1	3.3	3.1
CHEMICALS	0.8	0.9	- 0.1	-11.1	0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	25.3	23.8	1.5	6.3	25.3
TRANSPORTATION	13.4	12.7	0.7	5.5	13.4
RAILROAD	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.6
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	3.7	3.4	0.3	8.8	3.7
AIR	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	3.1
PUBLIC UTILITIES	11.9	11.1	0.8	7.2	11.9
TOTAL TRADE	84.8	78.6	6.2	7.9	84.0
WHOLESALE	13.1	12.9	0.2	1.6	13.1
RETAIL	71.7	65.7	6.0	9.1	70.9
GENERAL MERCHANDISE & APPAREL	16.1	13.0	3.1	23.8	16.1
FOOD STORES	10.6	9.2	1.4	15.2	10.4
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STNS.	9.4	8.9	0.5	5.6	9.2
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	21.3	20.9	0.4	1.9	21.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	18.5	17.4	1.1	6.3	18.4
FINANCE	8.5	7.8	0.7	9.0	8.5
SERVICE INDUSTRIES	173.7	170.9	2.8	1.6	170.0
HOTELS, GAMING & RECREATION	116.1	117.0	- 0.9	- 0.8	112.9
PERSONAL	5.3	5.1	0.2	3.9	5.3
BUSINESS	16.8	15.0	1.8	12.0	16.5
MEDICAL & HEALTH	13.8	12.7	1.1	8.7	13.8
GOVERNMENT	58.7	58.1	0.6	1.0	58.4
FEDERAL	10.0	11.0	- 1.0	- 9.1	10.0
STATE & LOCAL	48.7	47.1	1.6	3.4	48.4
EDUCATION - STATE & LOCAL	20.8	20.7	0.1	0.5	20.6

2/ REFLECTS EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK. DOES NOT NECESSARILY COINCIDE WITH LABOR FORCE CONCEPT. INCLUDES MULTIPLE JOB HOLDERS.

1980 Population Census

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The population of the State of Nevada increased by 63.5 percent between 1970 and 1980, according to the early tabulations of the 1980 Census counts. The data was published by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, and issued in May 1981. Final Census counts by race and Spanish origin will be determined at a later date, after the sample data have been processed. The table indicated below provides preliminary Census data by race and Spanish origin for Nevada, 16 counties, and one independent city.

On a racial basis, approximately 88 percent of the state's population were White, while Blacks represented 6.4 percent; nine out every 10 blacks resided in Clark County. American Indians and Asian/Pacific Islanders accounted for 1.7 percent each of the state total, while 2.7 percent were tabulated for Other races.

On a county basis during 1980, Clark County accounted for over one-half of the State's population. Washoe County represented 24.2 percent while the composite of Carson City/Douglas/and Elko counties totaled 8.6 percent.

Carson City and Storey County more than doubled their population during the past 10 years, while Douglas County almost tripled their population. Two counties experienced an outmigration of people during this past decade. White Pine County figures showed a loss of almost 20 percent of their residents whereas Mineral County dropped 12 percent. The range for the 15 counties which showed inmigration during the 10 year period was from 24 percent for Elko and Esmeralda counties to 182 percent for Douglas County.

Preliminary Data
Population by Race and Spanish Origin for Nevada Counties

County	1980	1970	1980 Population by Race					Spanish Origin
			White	Black	American Indian	Asian and Pacific Islander	Other	
STATE	799,184	488,738	699,377	50,791	13,304	14,109	21,603	53,786
Carson City*	32,022	15,468	29,375	437	1,481	288	441	1,275
Churchill	13,917	10,513	12,655	94	666	304	198	606
Clark	461,816	273,288	390,021	46,064	3,037	9,155	13,539	34,998
Douglas	19,421	6,882	18,737	34	349	121	180	694
Elko	17,269	13,958	14,747	81	1,468	106	867	1,842
Esmeralda	777	629	728	3	20	5	21	30
Eureka	1,198	948	1,113	--	37	7	41	68
Humboldt	9,434	6,375	7,796	36	660	23	919	1,362
Lander	4,082	2,666	3,717	4	132	13	216	412
Lincoln	3,732	2,557	3,517	13	65	24	113	281
Lyon	13,594	8,221	12,746	17	526	70	235	668
Mineral	6,217	7,051	4,927	385	645	57	203	503
Nye	9,048	5,599	8,414	55	354	57	168	508
Pershing	3,408	2,670	3,072	3	190	14	129	385
Storey	1,459	695	1,402	1	37	13	6	38
Washoe	193,623	121,068	178,793	3,552	3,410	3,803	4,065	9,352
White Pine	8,167	10,150	7,617	12	227	49	262	764

*Independent city.

ALL URBAN
U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100)

APR 81	APR 80	MAR 81
266.8	242.5	265.1

U. S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Seasonally Adjusted

MAY 81	MAY 80	APR 81
7.6%	7.6%	7.3%

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING
(Per 100 Employees)

	MINING			MANUFACTURING		
	APR 81	APR 80	MAR 81	APR 81	APR 80	MAR 81
ACCESSION RATES						
TOTAL ACCESSIONS	3.7	4.2	6.6	6.6	4.3	6.0
New Hires	3.1	3.8	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.1
Recalls	0.2	0.4	1.3	1.6	0.2	0.8
SEPARATION RATES						
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	3.8	4.3	3.2	5.9	6.3	4.9
Quits	2.4	3.0	2.3	4.0	3.7	3.3
Discharges	0.7	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.4	0.9
Lay-offs	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.5
Military & Miscellaneous	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN NEVADA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 1981	MAY 1980	APR 1981	MAY 1981	MAY 1980	APR 1981	MAY 1981	MAY 1980	APR 1981
MINING	481.74	362.46	425.82	44.4	39.7	40.4	10.85	9.13	10.54
CONSTRUCTION	580.24	511.90	568.63	37.1	36.1	36.9	15.64	14.18	15.41
MANUFACTURING	327.37	286.15	329.43	39.3	37.8	39.5	8.33	7.57	8.34
Durable Goods	350.55	301.46	355.78	39.7	39.1	40.8	8.83	7.71	8.72
Stone, Clay & Glass	402.40	322.71	392.76	40.0	37.7	40.7	10.06	8.56	9.65
Primary Metals	592.89	477.55	592.89	41.9	43.1	41.9	14.15	11.08	14.15
Nondurable Goods	283.75	259.15	273.79	38.5	35.5	36.8	7.37	7.30	7.44
Printing & Publishing	263.54	228.47	264.60	36.3	33.5	36.0	7.26	6.82	7.35
PUBLIC UTILITIES	391.48	339.20	395.41	40.4	40.0	39.9	9.69	8.48	9.91
TRADE	234.95	226.73	239.43	34.5	33.3	34.6	6.81	6.81	6.92

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